A.— Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) The guiding principle is to make available the benefits of the scheme to the rural population all over the State by stages.

(*b*) Section of Taluks for the 1954-55 series of National Extension Service blocks has already been made.

Departmental Standing Committees

Q.—227. Sri G. PUTTASWAMY (Chikmagalur-Mudigere—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the Standing Committees of the Government in several departments working at present;

(*b*) when they were reconstituted;

(*c*) the members nominated to each Committee;

(*d*) the principle on which these nominations are made (number and names of members working in these Committees for the last five years, from Chikmagalur District may be given)?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

(*a*) There are no Departmental Standing Committees appointed by Government.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) Do not arise in view of reply to (*a*).

Gold Duty (K. G. F.)

Q.—247. Sri G. NARAYANA GOWDA (Mulbagal-Srinivasapur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the amount of gold duty that they received from the Kolar Gold Mining Companies for the years that the Act was in operation:

(*b*) whether the Government feel the necessity of revival of this duty?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—

(*a*) *Year.*	*Net Duty* (in lakhs of rupees)
1940	... 20·11
1941	... 34·04
1942	... 87·39
1943	... 192·15
1944	... 111·80
1945	... 72·83
1946	... 71·52
1947	... 110·24
1948	... 126·08
1949 (till 5—6th May 1949)	... 34·82

(*b*) Does not arise at this stage in view of the subsisting agreement with the Mining Companies and the review of the entire position by the Special Committee appointed in this behalf.

Maternity Hospital, Tiptur (expansion).

Q.—256. Sri T. G. THIMME GOWDA (Tiptur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of beds for in-patients provided for in the Maternity Hospital, Tiptur;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that there have been consistent and repeated requests for increasing their number;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that there is increasing pressure and need for increasing provision;

(*d*) whether Government propose to provide the necessary funds forthwith?

A.—Sri. T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) The sanctioned bed strength is eight.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of reply to (*c*).